(b) The States of Haryana, Kerala, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have already achieved cent per cent electrification of villages. In the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J & K, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Nagaland, it is expected that cent per cent electrification of villages would be achieved by the end of the current plan. In the remaining States, cent per cent village electrification is expected to be achieved by the end of the VIII Plan, subject to the availability of requisite resources and other inputs.

(c) As per present broad estimates funds of the order of Rs. 2600 crores would be required for electrification of the remaining villages in the country.

Power generation from tidal waves

2567. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals under consideration for power generation from tidal waves in the Kutch and Saurashtra Regions of Gujarat;

(b) if so, which are the locations in the Kutch area;

(c) whether some Expert Committee has gone through the proposal and submitted reports thereon; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether tidal power would be cheaper than power from other sources;

(e) how much amount has been spent in Gujarat so far for research on power generation from tidal waves during the last five years, year-wise; and

(f) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Investigations and studies leading to preparation of a techno-economic feasibility report of power generation from tidal waves are being carried out in the Gulf of Kachchh.

(b) The tidal power project under investigations is proposed to be located in the Hansthal creek.

(c) Assistance has been taken from Electricite de France (EDF) twice viz. in March-April, 1982 and January, 1986. The EDF experts in their report have concluded that a tidal project in the Gulf of Kachchh is technically feasible.

(d) Tidal power is still in development stage. As such, the cost of the tidal energy is not likely to be less than that of energy from conventional sources such as Hydro, Thermal and Nuclear.

(e) The expenditure incurred in the last five years on the investigations and studies is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Lhs)
1982-83	14.50
1983-84	104.90
1984-85	139.36
1985-86	39.00
1986-87	41.41

(f) The field investigations have almost been completed, and engineering studies and designs are under progress. The feasiblity study is scheduled to be completed by March, 1988.

Drugs required under the National Health Programme

2568. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry announced that those drugs which are required for control of dis-

eases under the National Health Programme will be covered under category I of the proposed price control order;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Health has announced more than twelve diseases which are covered under the National Health Programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has directed the Ministry of Health to work out a list based on five or six diseases only; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details of the National Health Programme as per the list supplied are as under:—

I. National T. B. Programme.

II. National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

III. National Trachoma Control Programme and National Programme for Control of Blindness.

IV. Programme for prevention of Dehydration under DRT.

V. Goitra Programme.

VI. E.P.I. Programme (Extended Programme of immunization).

VII. National Malaria Eradication Programme.

दुपहिया उद्योग में वित्तीय संकट

2569. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दुपहिया वाहनों का निर्माण करने वाले एकक वित्तीय संकट के कारण अपना विनिर्माण कार्य जारी नहीं रख पा रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस उद्योग के प्रतिनिधियों ने इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार को अभ्यावेदन दिया हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने उनके अनुरोध पर विचार किया हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) (क) से (ग) दुपहिया गाड़ियां बनाने वाले कुछ निर्माताओं ने ऊंची उत्पादन लागत के कारण अपने समक्ष आने वाली वित्तीय समस्याओं के बारे में सरकार को सूचना दी थी । अभ्यावेदनों पर विचार किया गया था और अभी हाल ही में ईंधन-क्षम दुपहिया वाहनों के लिए कुछ उत्पादन शुल्क को 50— से घटा कर 35— कर दिया गया हैं।

Production of Bulk Drugs

2570. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 148 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the policy in respect of stage of manufacture of bulk drug under the Scheme of Delicensing;

(b) whether production of drugs is permitted from the penultimate stage;

(c) whether his Ministry studied the foreign exchange involvement in the production of Rifampicin from the penultimate stage in comparison to bulk drug;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government exempted customs duty on Rifampicin as well as on the penultimate to provide the drug at a reasonable price to poor TB patients;